

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.T.E. 01-78

December 6, 2001

Petition of Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric for approval of its 2001 Transition Charge True-Up, pursuant to G.L. c.164, § 1A(a), 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4) and the Restructuring Settlement Agreement approved by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy in D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23.

On December 3, 2001 pursuant to G.L. c.164, § 1A(a), 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4) and the Restructuring Settlement Agreement approved in Boston Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23 (1998), Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric ("BECo" or "Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") its 2001 reconciliation filing that included reconciliation of transition, transmission, standard offer and default service costs and revenues and proposed updated charges and tariffs to be effective January 1, 2002.

For 2002, BECo proposes a Transition Charge of \$0.01628 per kilowatthour ("KWH"). The Company proposes an average Transmission Charge price of \$0.00661 per KWH and a Standard Offer Charge of \$0.04950 per KWH. On December 3, 2001, the Company also filed a proposed Standard Offer Service Fuel Adjustment ("SOSFA"). The Company proposes to decrease its SOSFA to \$0.01426 per KWH effective January 1, 2002. The Company's last SOSFA was approved in Standard Offer Service Fuel Adjustments, D.T.E. 00-66, 00-67, 00-70 (2000). BECo has proposed tariffs implementing these changes, including a Default Service Adjustment Tariff, and has proposed changes in charges for energy efficiency and renewables programs pursuant to G.L. c. 25, §§ 19 and 20. This filing has been docketed as D.T.E. 01-78.

Any persons wishing to submit written comments on the Petition, including the SOSFA, should file an original and nine (9) copies of comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on December 14, 2001.

All written pleadings or comments must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption; (2) docket number; (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (4) a brief descriptive title or document (e.g., comments or petition to intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix) or in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, www.state.ma.us/dpu/.

A copy of the Company's filing is on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public view during business hours. Copies are also on file for public view at NSTAR, 800 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02199. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact William S. Stowe, Assistant General Counsel for BECo, at (617) 424-2544. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact William H. Stevens, Jr., Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3620.

The Company shall serve a copy of the notice on all the participants in Boston Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23 (1998); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 97-113 (1998); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 98-111 (1999); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 99-107 (1999); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 00-82; and Standard Offer Service Fuel Adjustments, D.T.E. 00-66, 00-67, 00-70 (2000), and to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company no later than December 7, 2001 and make return of service at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary